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FOLLOWING ARE EXERPTS ON VIETNAM FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY  
CHRISTOPHER'S JUNE 11 ADDRESS AT OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE.

BEGIN TEXT:

THEN THERE ARE GOVERNMENTS WITH WHOM WE NEVER HAD NORMAL  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ALBANIA AND PRESENT-DAY CAMBODIA  
HAVE LARGELY SEALED THEMSELVES OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.  
COUNTRIES LIKE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MONGOLIA,  
NORTH KOREA, AND VIETNAM ARE SPECIAL CASES.

FULLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, WE ARE BENT ON  
SHORTENING THE LIST. LET ME GIVE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE  
KINDS OF STEPS BEING TAKEN, UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
LEADERSHIP, TO ESTABLISH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH  
OTHER COUNTRIES.

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VIETNAM ILLUSTRATES BOTH THE DIFFICULTIES AND THE ADVANT-  
AGES OF MOVING TOWARDS MORE OPEN COMMUNICATIONS WITH  
OTHERS. THE WAR IS A FRESH AND PAINFUL MEMORY. EARLY IN  
HIS ADMINISTRATION, PRESIDENT CARTER SENT A DISTINGUISHED  
COMMISSION, HEADED BY LEONARD WOODCOCK, TO HANOI TO DISCUSS  
THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION.  
WE OBTAINED INFORMATION ON OUR MIAS, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO.

MEANWHILE, WE TOLD THE VIETNAMESE THAT WE WILL NO LONGER  
OPPOSE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, AND I  
EXPECT VIETNAM TO ENTER THE UN EARLY THIS FALL. WE LIFTED  
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO VIETNAM. WE HAVE OFFERED TO ES-  
TABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IMMEDIATELY AND THEN TO LIFT  
THE TRADE EMBARGO.

THE VIETNAMESE, FOR THEIR PART, STILL SEEK ECONOMIC AID,  
SOMETHING NOW FORBIDDEN UNDER OUR LAW.

WE HAVE MET WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TWICE IN PARIS AND  
WILL DO SO AGAIN. WE HAVE MOVED AS RAPIDLY AS WE COULD  
TO PUT THE TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST BEHIND US. VIETNAM,  
UNITED, IS A POWERFUL NATION OF OVER 40 MILLION PEOPLE,  
WHICH WE TRUST WILL LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE WANT TO HAVE NORMAL AND MUTUALLY  
BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THAT IMPORTANT NATION.

END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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